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SUBJECT: WCIWY OJEDA PAULLADA PRESS CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S MEETINGS

1. INA A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JUNE 23, MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL PEDRO OJEDA PAULLADA, PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, SAID THAT THIRD WORLD DELEGATES (GROUP 77) "AND OTHERS ADDED TO THE GROUP" ARE PREPARING A DECLARATION "ON THE NECESSITY TO ORCHESTRATE THE AGREEMENT APPROVED BY THE UNGA ON A NEW INTERNATIONAL (ECONOMIC ORDER)." HE NOTED THE EXISTENCE OF SUPPORT FOR SUCH A DECLARATION AMONG THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO WHY A MAN SHOULD PRESIDE OVER THE MEETING, OJEDA SAID, "THIS IS NOT A MEETING OF WOMEN; IT IS A MEETING TO DEAL WITH WOMEN'S PROBLEMS, AND THE PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH SEXES IS INDISPENSABLE..." ANOTHER REPORTER ASKED WHETHER THE MEETING WAS POLITICAL. OJEDA REPLIED, "DEVELOPMENT IS POLITICAL, PEACE IS POLITICAL, EQUALITY IS POLITICAL." THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, HE SAID, "EMBODIES A HIGH POLITICAL CONTENT SINCE IT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL CONFRONTATION OF THE UN THIS YEAR." ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE IS SOME DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN IN MEXICO, OJEDA SAID THAT WOMEN SHOULD NOT HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER IS CHANGED FOR THEIR EMANCIPATION.
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